

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 2-13, 17 and 40 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 2-13, 17-19 and 22-40 are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (canceled)
  
2. (currently amended) A preparation for topical application comprising the following components:
  - (a) at least one salt selected from alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts and other minerals,
  - (b) at least one individual amino acid in pure form, with the proviso that the amino acid is not an amino acid derivative,
  - (c) zinc oxide and/or an inorganic peroxide, and
  - (d) at least one secondary plant substance selected from the group consisting of carotenoids, phytosterols, saponins, polyphenols, flavonoids, terpenes, phytoestrogens, sulfides, phytinphytic acid, ~~dietary fibers~~ and combinations thereof.

3. (currently amended) A preparation for topical application comprising the following components:

- (a) at least one salt selected from alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts and other minerals,
- (b) at least one individual amino acid in pure form, with the proviso that the amino acid is not an amino acid derivative,
- (c) zinc oxide and/or an inorganic peroxide,
- (d) at least one secondary plant substance selected from the group consisting of carotenoids, phytosterols, saponins, polyphenols, flavonoids, terpenes, phytoestrogens, sulfides, phytiaphytic acid, dietary fibers and combinations thereof, and
- (e) at least one polyunsaturated fatty acid of vegetable sources.

4. (currently amended) The preparation according to claim 2, said preparation further comprising at least one unsaturated fatty acid.

5. (currently amended) The preparation according to any one of claims 2 to 4, said preparation additionally ~~comprises-comprising~~ tego-betaine and/or at least one epigallocatechine and/or at least one trace element.

6. (currently amended) The preparation according to ~~claim any one of claims 2 to 4,~~ said preparation additionally ~~comprisescomprising~~ at least one liposome and/or at least one vitamin.

7. (currently amended) The preparation according to claim any one of claims 2 to 4, said preparation additionally ~~comprises~~comprising at least one adstringent agent and/or at least one humectant and/or at least one ethereal oil.

8. (currently amended) The preparation according to claim any one of claims 2 to 4, said preparation additionally ~~comprises~~comprising antifungal and/or antimicrobial components.

9. (currently amended) The preparation according to claim any one of claims 2 to 4, said preparation additionally ~~comprises~~comprising at least one component selected from carrier substances, adjuvants, additives, binding agents, adhesive agents and solvents.

10. (currently amended) The preparation according to claim any one of claims 2 to 4, said preparation comprising the following components:

- (a) 10 to 90 wt.-% of ~~a salt, the at least one salt~~ selected from alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts and other minerals,
- (b) 0.1 to 40 wt.-% of ~~an~~the at least one individual amino acid in pure form, and
- (c) a total amount of zinc oxide and inorganic peroxide of 0.5 to 50 wt.-%, based on the sum of all components in the preparation.

11. (currently amended) The preparation according to claim 2 or claim 3, said preparation comprising the following components wherein:

- (a) the at least one metal salt is selected from sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, silicon, zinc, manganese, copper, iron, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine and phosphorus, and
- (b) the at least one individual amino acid in pure form is selected from the group consisting of cystine, cysteine, proline, serine, histidine, glycine, leucine, isoleucine, valine, tyrosine, arginine, lysine, asparagine and glutamine, and
- (c) zinc oxide and/or an inorganic peroxide.

12. (currently amended) The preparation according to claim 2 or claim 3, characterized in that wherein the inorganic peroxide is selected from the group consisting of zinc peroxide, sodium peroxide, potassium peroxide, calcium peroxide or magnesium peroxide.

13. (currently amended) The A method of administering a preparation as described in claim 3, wherein the preparation is administered topically.

14-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The A method of administering a preparation as described in claim 2, wherein said preparation is administered topically.

18. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 2.
19. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 20-21. (canceled)
22. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 3.
23. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
24. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 4.
25. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
26. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 5.

27. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

28. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 6.

29. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 6 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

30. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 7.

31. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 7 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

32. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 8.

33. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 8 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

34. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 9.

35. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 9 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

36. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 10.

37. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

38. (previously presented) A cosmetic comprising a preparation as described in claim 11.

39. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation as described in claim 11 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

40. (currently amended) A method of treating skin irritations, sun burn, cellulitis, wrinkles, acne, herpes, neurodermatitis, ozone damage, burns, caustic burns, thickenings, edemas, hematomas, hemorrhoids, rheumatism, arthrosis, or skin cancer comprising topically administering to a patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of the preparation as described in claim 2 or claim 3.